

# RAILWAY BOARD RULES AGAINST BIG STRIKE

## \$270,000 ESTATE IS LEFT BY WEALTHY EARLVILLE RESIDENT

WILL OF FRED MEINKE  
REVEALS HOLDINGS IN  
FARM LANDS

## GOES TO CHILDREN

THREE LARGE ESTATES FIND  
WAY INTO PROBATE COURT  
DURING DAY—FIX VALUE OF  
LOUIS HESS' PROPERTY AT  
\$216,000.

The will of the late Fred Meinke, wealthy Earlville retired farmer, who died at his home in that city on October 10, was filed for probate today. Mr. Meinke left an estate valued at \$270,000 and consisting of farm lands and real estate worth \$140,000 and personal property worth \$130,000. By the terms of his will his daughter, Mrs. Anna Young, of Columbus, O.; his four grandsons, Robert E. Meinke, Fred A. Meinke, Archie B. Meinke and Paul B. Meinke, the sons of a deceased son, Fred Meinke, will inherit the principal part of the estate. The will was drawn Nov. 25, 1916, but several codicils had been added since it was originally drafted. One codicil provides that George Munde of Earlville shall be made executor, and in case he should die before the testator, a provision is made for appointing George H. Wiley the executor.

Carrie E. Stevenson, the former housekeeper of Mr. Meinke, is left \$2,000. This bequest is made in two codicils, one which provides that she be given \$500 and the other \$1,500 in addition to the first amount.

Matt Johnson is left a note executed by him, provided the testator still holds it at the time of his demise.

By the terms of the will the deceased son, Fred Meinke, was left a life estate in 40 acres of land west of Earlville, the Wolf farm in York township in DuPage county, and one-half interest in all the personal property. The will provides that at the death of Mr. Meinke Jr. the property be divided equally between his children, as soon as the youngest reaches the age of twenty-one years. Mr. Fred Meinke Jr. is dead; his four sons will inherit his share.

The daughter, Mrs. Young, is left two La Salle county farms, one of 120 acres and a half of all the personal property for her life time. At her death her share of the estate is to be divided between her children, when the youngest reaches his twenty-first birthday. In case she dies without leaving any children, her share will go to her brother's children.

Attorney Raymond & Newhall of Aurora have charge of the estate.

Left \$216,000.

A petition for letters of testamentary in the estate of the late Louis Hess, wealthy Ottawa retired farmer, who died at the Streator hospital on Oct. 7, was filed for probate today. Mr. Hess left an estate valued at \$216,000 and consisting of farm lands in La Salle county and Iowa valued at \$200,000 and liberty bonds, bank notes and personal property worth \$16,000.

The estate is to be divided between a large number of nieces, nephews and friends, in accordance with the provisions of a will which was made public last week.

File Petition in Strawn Estate.

A petition for letters testamentary in the estate of the late Lydia Strawn, who died at her summer home in Ludington, Mich., on Aug. 4, was filed in the Probate Court today. Miss Strawn left an estate valued at \$44,000 and consisting of real estate worth \$13,000 and personal property worth \$31,000.

By the terms of her will, \$25 for probate early this week, her sister, Miss Nellie Strawn, will inherit the entire estate.

## HARDING APPOINTS MORE ILLINOIS P. M.'S

Washington, D. C., Oct. 21.—The president today nominated the following Illinois postmasters:  
Gerald B. Weiss, Shipman; John A. Bateman, Clay City; John J. Faulkner, E. St. Louis; Forrest E. Mattox, St. Elmo; Harry E. Gennett, Shannan; Don A. Spurr, Wilmington; Bertha I. Askey, Dakota; Harold M. Brown, Brownstown; John F. Gilman, Farmersville; Julius A. Beger, Nauvoo; Orrie Dunbar, Newark; O. B. Sanders, Roberts.

## HUSBAND SLAPPED HER, WITNESS TELLS COURT IN DIVORCE

LA SALLE WIFE ACCUSED MATE OF MAKING HER FACE BLACK AND BLUE—ALSO THREATENED LIFE, SHE CHARGED.

Telling the court that her husband threatened to kill her on numerous occasions and that he slapped her, bruising her face until it was black and blue, Mrs. Emma McGonnigle of La Salle secured a divorce from John J. McGonnigle in the Circuit Court today. Mrs. McGonnigle was given the right to resume her maiden name of Emma De Dobbeler.

She told the court that she and the defendant were married Sept. 26, 1906, and separated on June 20, 1921. The time of their separation, she alleged, came while she was on a visit to her sister's home in Peoria. The defendant came there, she claimed, and threatened to take her life.

## FOUR U. OF C. STUDENTS KILLED WHEN FREIGHT CRASHES INTO AUTO

Milford, Ill., Oct. 21.—An automobile containing six students from the University of Chicago was struck by an Elgin, Joliet and Eastern coal train here at 7:50 last night. Four of the youth were killed and one injured.

The victims were:  
HERSCHEL HOPKINS, the driver, of Oregon; instantly killed.

THOMAS MONILAU of Chicago; instantly killed.

HAROLD SKINNER of Oak Park, Ill.; instantly killed.

STANWOOD JOHNSTONE of Minnesota; instantly killed.

WALTER R. ECKLES of Chicago; severely injured; fractured skull, badly broken leg, two fingers torn off of left hand.

LOUIS ROBERTS of Chicago, who was riding in rear seat, escaped unhurt.

The party was on the way to Princeton, N. J. to attend the Chicago-Princeton football game next Saturday.

Wilford is near Watseka on the Danville - Indianapolis automobile route.

## PAWNEE SCHOOL WAR NEAR SETTLEMENT

Pawnee, Ill., Oct. 21.—Settlement of the school war in this town was in sight this morning after president H. J. Howard of the school board denied that he had resigned and announced that a new high school principal, the third in two months would be employed immediately. A citizens mass-meeting Wednesday night demanded that the school board reinstate B. J. Beinhel discharged the first of this week.

## COMMUNISTS INVADE U. S., FRENCH CLAIM

Paris, Oct. 21.—French police today asserted more than 100 members of the young communist organizations in Europe had reached the United States within the last two months for the purpose of causing trouble in the two Italians, Zaccaro and Vinzetti, were executed for the murder of which they were convicted in Massachusetts last summer.

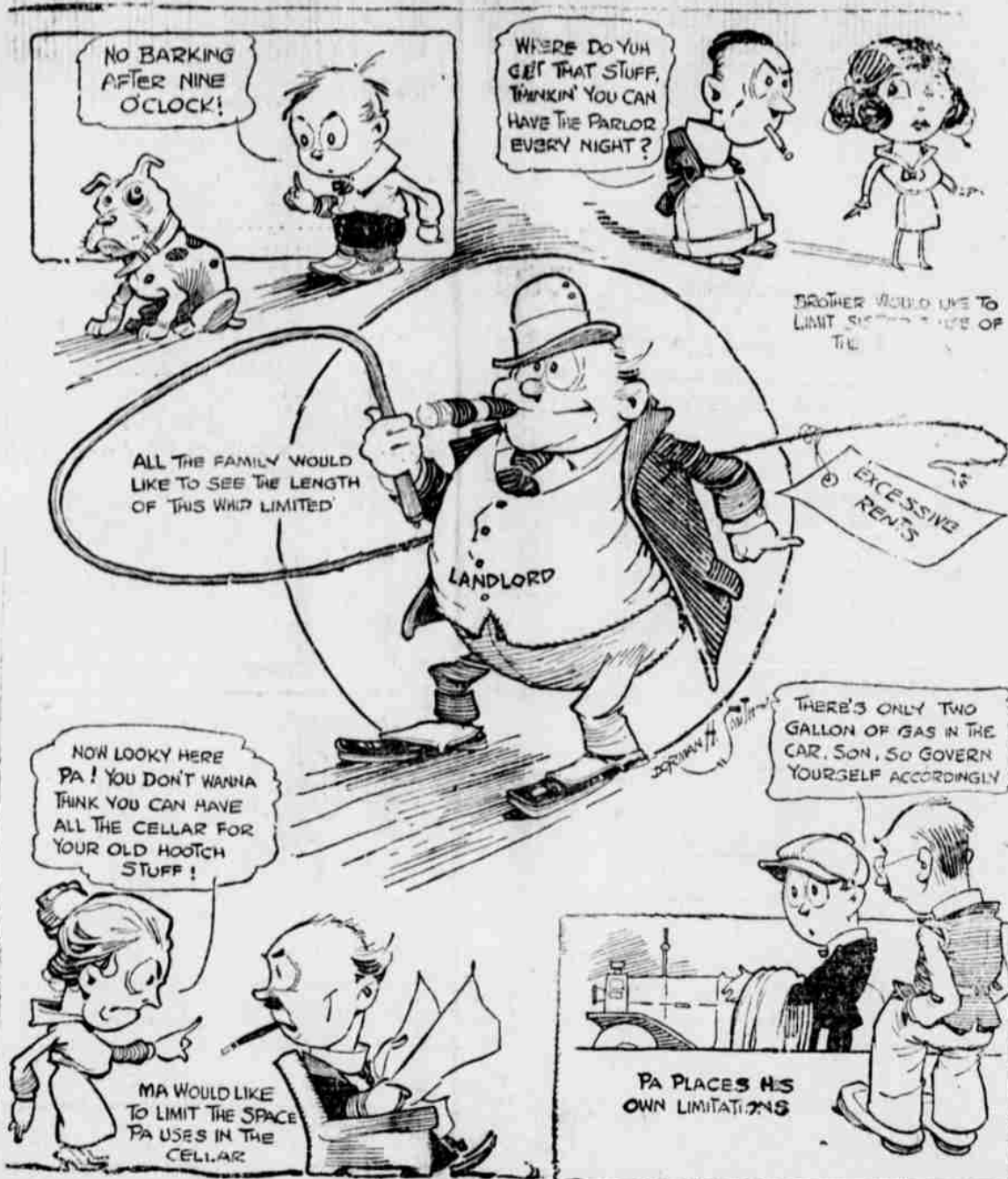
## FEW OF 'EM ARE THAT FREE WITH THEIR CASH

Joliet, Oct. 21.—Because her husband threw a pocketbook filled with money at her, Mrs. Mildred Whitehouse, of Joliet, filed a bill for divorce today against James Whitehouse, charging cruelty. They were married in 1920.

## STRAWBERRIES GROW ON PARIS, ILL., VINES

Paris, Ill., Oct. 21.—(Special)—Albin Benson, Paris merchant, today entertained friends for dinner. One course was strawberry shortcake. During the morning he gathered the berries from his garden.

## Limitation of Armaments Isn't The Only Thing



## DENIES STORY CITY LACKED TOXIN FOR DIPHTHERIA CASES

DR. W. A. PIKE ISSUES STATEMENT REFUTING REPORTS THAT OTTAWA WAS WITHOUT REMEDIES FOR SAVING VICTIMS.

Dr. W. A. Pike, the city health officer, today denied the rumor, which has gained wide circulation throughout the city that the three Ottawa children who died of diphtheria succumbed because the physicians of the city were unable to secure anti-toxin to administer to them. "There is absolutely nothing to the rumor," he stated. "While there was none of the state anti-toxin in Ottawa there was plenty of other brands, which is just as good. All three of the children were given the anti-toxin."

"The state gives out the contract for the anti-toxin to one firm. This always creates a great demand for the toxin from that one firm, and it was because of that rush that the city was unable to secure any of the free toxin. There was plenty of other toxin here, although we will have to pay for what was used."

## DENTISTS OF COUNTY GATHER AT LA SALLE

La Salle county dentists yesterday held their annual meeting in La Salle, many from Ottawa attending the meetings which were featured by clinics showing the latest treatment of ill effecting the molars.

The morning session opened with a clinic at the offices of Dr. H. C. Burt. Robert H. Bosworth of Chicago and Jack LaDue of Chicago cooperated in a demonstration of the surgical extraction of full upper and lower case.

At the conclusion of this session there was lunch at the Kaskaskia and an hour later the visitors resumed their study at Dr. R. E. Smith's office, where Mr. LaDue gave another practical demonstration. Walter Hime of Chicago was in charge of a clinic at the Kaskaskia grill at three o'clock and at four o'clock the annual meeting was held, with an address by President V. P. Perisho of Streator.

Dinner was served at 6:30 at the Kaskaskia and the grill room was the scene of a lecture by Arthur D. Black of Chicago at 8:00 o'clock, the closing feature of the day.

## JURY REFUSES TO CONVICT OWNERS OF "HOOTCH" JOINT

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 21.—After five hours of deliberation the jury hearing the case of Frank Higgins and Charles Mooney proprietors of the "Wolf Club" on charges of violating the Illinois search and seizure act last night returned a verdict of not guilty. The significance of this case is that it was the first to be tried in this county court under the search and seizure act and the state had what it considered an uncontested case. The Wolf Club was raided June 11 by special investigator Schofield of the states attorneys office and a squad of officers who seized two full quarts of whiskey and 129 cases of home brew. Attorney John Daugherty for the defense in addressing the jury said:

"Are we to allow Russian police systems, spies and sneaks to take a way the last vestige of personal property?"

When you cannot convict in a case like we had you cannot convict in any," said Assistant States Attorney Thurman after hearing the jury's verdict. "When this is flashed around the bootleg traffic will open wider than parched throat around a bottle of a friend's liquor. It only goes to show how unpopular the law is."

## UXORICIDE DIES ON CHAMPAIGN GALLOWS

Urbana, Ill., Oct. 21.—John Christman, 27 years old, colored, was hanged in a stockade in the jail yard at 6:30 o'clock this morning for the murder of his 17 year old wife last May. He had confessed the crime and his statement on the scaffold consisted of a brief resume of his life and a plea for prayers.

The trap was sprung at 6:30 o'clock by Sheriff George W. Davis and 27 minutes later Christmas was pronounced dead. It had been 23 years since the last previous hanging in Champaign county.

## COLUMBUS MOVIES TO BE SHOWN AT LIBRARY

Movies depicting very graphically the history of Christopher Columbus, prior to and on his trip to discovery of America, will be shown tomorrow afternoon at Reddick's library. Two weeks from Saturday "Alice in Wonderland" will be a feature of the library show.

## LLOYD GEORGE SAILS FOR U. S. NOVEMBER 5

London, Oct. 21.—Prime Minister Lloyd George has decided definitely it was stated today to leave for Washington November 5, on the liner Aquitania arriving in time. It is expected for the afternoon session of the armaments on its opening day, Nov. 11.

## ASK CONSERVATOR FOR OWNER OF 160 ACRE LOSTANT FARM

BROTHER FILES PETITION IN PROBATE COURT TO TAKE OVER ESTATE OF HARVEY GRAVES, WEALTHY AGRICULTURIST.

A petition was filed in the Probate Court today asking that Harvey E. Graves, a well known farmer residing four miles northwest of Lonestant, be declared incompetent and a conservator be appointed to take charge of his estate. The petition, which was filed by Clarence Graves, a brother, alleges that Harvey E. Graves is of unsound mind and is not the proper person to care for his property.

The petitioner alleges that Harvey E. Graves and his brother live on a 160-acre farm near Lonestant, which is owned by the former. This land is valued by the petitioner at about \$50,000.

Boy Found Delinquent.

William O'Kane, aged 15, of Marquette street, was found delinquent by Judge Reck in the County Court this morning and ordered by him committed to the boys' training school at St. Charles. The petition asking that the boy be declared delinquent was filed this morning by Miss Launa Aussem, probation officer.

The petition stated that the boy refused to work, stayed out nights, and was beyond the control of his grandfather, Barney O'Kane, and his aunt, Alice O'Kane, with whom he made his home.

William is the son of Bert Heather, 182 Monroe street, St. Charles. His mother is dead, and he was adopted by his grandfather and raised in Ottawa.

## SISTER OF OTTAWA WOMAN PASSES AWAY

Word was received in Ottawa this morning of the death of Mrs. Mary Penman, a former Streator resident, who passed away early today at her home in Davenport, Ia. Mrs. Penman is a sister of Mrs. Charles S. Bowermaster of Van Buren street.

The remains will be brought to Streator tomorrow for burial, and funeral services will take place in that city Sunday.

Three sisters survive Mrs. Penman. They are Mrs. Bowermaster of this city, Mrs. Anthony Custer of Streator and Mrs. Christina Hufley of Muscatine.

## UNION LEADERS ARE ORDERED TO CONFER WITH RAIL LEADERS

Chicago, Oct. 21.—The United States railroad board today backed by all the authority which the government can place at its disposal, called the railroads of the country and the five brotherhood unions to appear here next week, and solemnly warned the unions not to strike until the board has heard their grievances and rendered a decision.

The board's action practically means there will be no strike on October 30, unless the unions should choose to openly defy the government, as it is hardly possible a decision will be reached before that date.

The board this afternoon cited the unions and all railroads named in the July 1 wage reduction order, to appear before the board next Wednesday. They are cited to appear so that the board may determine whether they have, or are violating the wage reduction order. The board also said that insofar as the impending strike is the result of a dispute between carriers and employees, "this board hereby assumes jurisdiction of said dispute on the statutory ground that it is likely substantially to interrupt commerce."

Meanwhile both parties to the dispute are warned to maintain the status quo on the properties of the carriers. The action followed a conference which began at 10 o'clock this morning. The hearings will be open to the press and public, and more than 200 railroads and thirty unions involved, probably will last several days.

Should the unions refuse to abide by the order, it has been pointed out, the board will, under the law, issue a statement to the public to that effect, and the president and his advisers can proceed to take such action as they consider necessary.

Packers Store Meat.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—Chicago packers today began storing fresh meat for emergency in event of a railway strike.

Texas Trainers Called Out.

San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 21.—Five hundred members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen on the International and Great Northern were preparing to walk out at noon tomorrow, the first union authorized to quit under strike orders issued here last Saturday.

Jones Food Commissioner.

Springfield, Oct. 21.—A. Hanley Jones, of Crawford county, today was named state superintendent of foods and dairies by Governor Small.

Stone Will Answer Summons.

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 21.—"I have not received an order to appear before the railroad labor board but if it is ordered to do so, I certainly will be there," said President Stone of the locomotive engineers. "You may also say the other chief executives of the brotherhoods will attend."

Fail to Affect Settlement.

Chicago, Oct. 21.—The United States railroad labor board, having admittedly failed in its attempt to prevent a rail strike through conferences with heads of "big five" rail unions, railroad chiefs today were pushing plans for a general walkout, beginning Oct. 30, and officers of the carriers were moving at double time in their preparations to combat the proposed strike.

A report of the conference was telegraphed to President Harding at Washington, and both the labor leaders and board members seemed inclined to feel that the next step toward alleviating the crisis would be taken there. Several railroad union men said that "it looked as if only the government itself could prevent a walkout."

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